

**PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005**

**Members Present:** Robert Thiesing, Chairman, Gary Blanchette, Robert Clements, Paul Critchley, Douglas Flamino, Dennis Frawley, Katherine Heminway, Gary Magnuson, Lori Spielman, Daniel Tutko, Peter Welti

Chairman Robert Thiesing called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION (WELTI) SECONDED (CRITCHLEY) AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2005 AS WRITTEN. FRAWLEY, HEMINWAY, SPIELMAN, TUTKO ABSTAINED.**

**High School Project**

Peter Welti told the Committee that Chris Caputo is still on the job. The punch list is being worked on and he will be meeting with him tomorrow. The items they have been working on are the sprinkler damage in the display case, the air conditioning parts, and the ceiling tiles damaged by the dripping units.

The doors for the music room have been put in and the base coping in the hallways is 90% done. The mirrors for the weight room have been approved and ordered. The as-builts and mylars have not been received yet, some manuals have been received, and the revised sprinkler drawings are at Bemis for review. A certificate of occupancy has been received for the auditorium. The electrical inspector reported a number of minor items that are being corrected. A lot of the little things have been fixed such as the crack in the soffit in the cafeteria.

There are still too many separate lists being circulated. Bob Thiesing received a copy of a letter that Tony Littizzio forwarded to all the schools and the BOE Maintenance Dept. regarding reporting repairs under warranty.

The curtain for the gymnasium will be replaced after the school year. Moser Pilon has formalized the paperwork and it has been forwarded to the vendor. There is a list of things for Center School that Moser Pilon is being made aware of. Nothing has been done regarding the sign. Bob Thiesing told the Committee that the budget is good. Dan Tutko asked if the media studio will be put back into the project. If the funds are available, it will be, but the amount of funds may not be known until some time after the project is completed. The Board of Education will be asked what they would like to do with any available funds at the end of the project.

Bob Thiesing received the Consent of Surety for the release of the retainage that was approved last month in the amount of \$381,272.87. This payment will be released.

Moser Pilon Nelson invoice

**MOTION (BLANCHETTE) SECONDED (SPIELMAN) AND PASSED TO APPROVE INVOICE FROM MOSER PILON NELSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,213 FOR WORK ON THE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT FROM 2/26/05-3/25/05.**

The dedication for the High School is scheduled for May 4, 2005 at 7 pm.

### **New Business**

It was noted that Bob Thiesing and Douglas Flamino handed in their letters of resignation effective July 1, 2005. The Chairman passed out the policies for the Permanent Building Committee and it was agreed that a new chairman will be elected at the June meeting.

The Chairman read that in the Board of Selectmen's minutes it stated that the Permanent Building Committee had decided not to pursue the property on South Rd. The Chairman asked if anyone remembered this and they did not. It was agreed that the property had a lot of questionable items associated with it, i.e., wetlands, pollution.

Gary Magnuson told the Committee that the school facilities committee gave their report to the Board of Education last week and will be presenting it to the Board of Selectmen this month. The study basically says that the Town will be in trouble if nothing is done. There are several scenarios in the report. Longview Middle School is at 102% capacity and will be at 130% in 6 years or so. The recommendation for a 10-year fix is to add 6 classrooms and renovate Crystal Lake School and add 6 classrooms to the Middle School. The Middle Grades are the biggest problem. The second scenario is to renovate Crystal Lake School and add 18 classrooms onto the Middle School and move the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to the Middle School so that it houses 6, 7, and 8 again. In about 8 years, something has to be done at the High School. There was discussion questioning the validity of the estimated enrollment numbers that the State of CT uses. It always seems that Ellington's is higher than projected.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION (CLEMENTS) SECONDED (SPIELMAN) AND PASSED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 PM.**

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Smith, Clerk